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1. IN AMPLIFICATION OF REFTEL, EMBASSY CONSIDERS THAT APPROPRIATE DRAFT SCHEDULE FOR SECRETARY KREPS SHOULD APPEAR AS FOLLOWS: SEPTEMBER 28: 1250 ARRIVAL. 14 BRIEFING BY AMBASSADOR WITH LIGTH LUNCHEON AVAILABLE AS DESIRED. 1600 OPENING OF EIGHTH MINISTERIAL AT MCI. 1900 DINNER HOSTED BY MINISTER CHANG. SEPTEMBER 29: 0800 - 0930 AMCHAM BREAKFAST BRIEFING. 1000-1200 COURTESY CALLS ON ROKG LEADERS. 1230-1400 KOREAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON (INCLUDING ADDRESS). 1430-1600 COURTESY CALLS ON ROKG LEADERS. 1615 USTC ACTIVITY. 1830 SECRETARY'S DINNER AT RESIDENCE. SEPTEMBER 30: 0900 DEPART FOR KIMPO. 0830 ROKA AIRCRAFT FOR TAEGU. 1030 HELICOPTER TO POHANG. 1040 TOUR OF POHANG IRON AND STEEL CO. 1200 LUNCH. 1300 HELICOPTER TO ULSAN. 1330 ARRIVE ULSAN ARMY BASE. 1345 AUTO TOUR OF ULSAN IND. ESTATE. 1430 DEPART FOR HYUNDAI SHIPYARD. 1445-1530 TOUR OF SHIPYARD. 1545 DEPART FOR TAEGU. 1600 DEPART TAEGU FOR SEOUL. 1650 ARRIVE KIMPO. 1720 ARRIVE MCI. 1730-1800 CLOSING SESSION AND SIGNING OF COMMUNIQUE. 1800-1830 JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE. 1930 DINNER BY KOREA-US

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ECONOMIC COUNCIL. OCTOBER 1: OPEN. 1050 DEPART FOR KIMPO. 1130 DEPART VIA NWA.

2. WITHIN ABOVE GENERAL SCHEDULE, OCCASION REQUIRES A SUBSTANTIVE ADDRESS ON OVERALL US/KOREAN RELATIONS WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC MATTERS. EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS LUNCHEON BE BY KOREAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION AS VENUE FOR SECRETARY'S

SPEECH. ASSOCIATION AUDIENCE WOULD INCLUDE CROSS SECTION OF ROK POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND INTELLECTUAL LEADERSHIP FOR WHICH OVERALL REVIEW OF US POLICIES BY MAJOR US CABINET MEMBERS WILL BE MOST TIMELY AND EFFECTIVE.

3. BECAUSE OF MIDNIGHT CURFEW, SCHEDULES GENERALLY BEGIN AND END EARLIER THAN ELSEWHERE, THEREFORE DINNER ENGAGEMENTS TYPICALLY BEGIN BETWEEN 1830 AND 1930 HOURS AND CAN END AS EARLY AS 2130 IF DESIRABLE. 0800 OR 0830 WORKING BREAKFASTS WITH AMCHAM LEADERSHIP HAVE IN THE PAST PROVIDED IDEAL SETTING FOR FULL AND FRANK INFORMAL EXCHANGES OF VIEWS. U.S. BUSINESS COMMUNITY DESIRES AND EMBASSY SUPPORTS EXCHANGE WITH SECRETARY WHICH IT WOULD PREFER TO TAKE PLACE AS EARLY IN THE SCHEDULE AS POSSIBLE.

4. EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE THAT SECRETARY BE PREPARED TO VISIT MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT(S) ON SEPTEMBER 30 (FOR WHICH ROK MILITARY AIRCRAFT TRANSPORTATION WOULD BE PROVIDED), BECAUSE PROUD HOSTS WILL MEASURE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE VISIT IN TERMS OF WHETHER SECRETARY CAN BE SHOWN SOME OF KOREA'S MAJOR ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENTS. EARLY EVENING COMMUNIQUE SIGNING AND JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE BRIEF AND WILL REQUIRE NO REPEAT NO SPECIAL PREPARATION BY PARTY UPON RETURN TO SEOUL.

5. WE BELIEVE THAT FOREGOING CONSIDERATIONS SHOULD BE INCORPORATED IN DEPARTMENTS EARLY PLANNING RE SECRETARY'S VISIT.

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